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1. AS INDICATED PARA 3, REF A, OUR MAJOR RESERVATION CONCERNING STEERING COMMITTEE/ COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN THAT THESE APPROACHES SHOULD NOT BE USED BY ALLIES AS PLOY TO AVOID ULTIMATE AGREEMENT WITH EAST ON SEPARATE CSCE AGENDA ITEM ON POST- CSCE MACHINERY WHICH, AS INDICATED PARA 4 B REFTL, WE BELIEVE SOVIETS ALMOST CER-
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TAIN TO INSIST UPON.

2. HOWEVER, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, GENERAL ALLIED CONSENSUS NOW EXISTS (PARA 5, REF B) THAT FOURTH AGENDA ITEM COULD BE ACCEPTED, AND THAT PURPOSE BEHIND INCLUDING CONFERENCE FOLLOW- UP IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE' S MANDATE IS NOT TO BLOCK AGREEMENT WITH EAST ON AGENDA ITEM, BUT SIMPLY TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF PERMANENT MACHINERY QUESTION UNTIL MUCH LATER IN THE CONFERENCE, WHEN IT CAN BE TREATED IN CONTEXT OF DRAFT REPORTS TO THE THIRD STAGE BY THE VARIOUS SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES.

3. WITH THESE POINTS IN MIND, THEREFORE, AND IN INTEREST OF MAINTAINING ALLIED CONSENSUS ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION, WE CAN CONCUR IN OUTLINE OF TASKS FOR COORDINATING

COMMITTEE PROPOSED BY MISSION IN PARA IV, ROMAN III, REF C, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE' S ROLE IN DISCUSSION OF CONFERENCE FOLLOW- UP QUESTION. IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH VIEW EXPRESSED BY USDEL HELSINKI (REF D) THAT UK DRAFT MANDATE (REF E) FOR THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND UK NOW REVISING) GOES INTO ? OO GREAT DETAIL AT THIS TIME CONCERNING COMMITTEE' S RESPONSIBILITIES IN FOLLOW- ON AREA. WE ALSO CONCUR IN MISSION COMMENT PARA 3, REF B, THAT UK LANGUAGE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AGREEING TO CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW- UP IN POLITICAL/ SECURITY AREA. WE WOULD PREFER, THEREFORE, THAT ALLIES NOT GO BEYOND LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN US DRAFT WHICH YOU SHOULD CIRCULATE IN ANTICIPATION OF REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REVISED UK VERSION. US DRAFT, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE REVISED SO AS NOT TO SPECIFY LEVEL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SINCE WE BELIEVE THIS UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

4. ALTHOUGH WE NOW FULLY JOINING ALLIED CONSENSUS ON COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL, YOU SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO BEAR IN MIND COMMENTS CONTAINED PARAS 4 C AND D, REF A, STATING OUR VIEW THAT, IN EVENT SOVIETS REMAIN INTRANSIGENT ON THEIR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL, WE BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT POST- CSCE MACHINERY AGENDA ITEM ALONG LINES ALREADY TABLED BY EAST, SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO CAVEATS CONCERNING SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF POS-CONFIDENTIAL

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